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In re Application of: Kloster, et. al.

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MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE
INCLUDING A BI-LAYER FOR A
DIFFUSION BARRIER AND AN
ETCH STOP LAYER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the claims on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks: